

April 24, 2026

The Honorable Susan Collins, Chair
The Honorable Patty Murray, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Chair
The Honorable Brian Schatz, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs Collins and Graham, and Ranking Members Murray and Schatz:

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) urges Congress to continue its longstanding support for critical international energy and infrastructure programs as part of the fiscal year (FY) 2027 appropriations process. These strategic investments leverage private capital, strengthen American export competitiveness and expand markets for U.S. firms.

BCSE encourages funding levels consistent with, or above, the FY2025 enacted levels for State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS)/National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (NSRP). Maintaining these programs ensures that the United States does not cede ground to state-backed competitors and retains the tools needed to compete in global markets and respond to American economic and national security priorities.

American companies—across energy efficiency, natural gas, renewable power, energy storage, and grid technologies—are well positioned to meet growing global demand for reliable and modern energy systems. U.S. export assistance and bilateral and multilateral investment in energy programs around the world ensures that American firms have access to these markets and can compete effectively for projects that support U.S. jobs and economic growth at home.

Tools such as development finance and project preparation through the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation and the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, coupled with targeted U.S. participation in international financial institutions are vital.

Funding for international energy, infrastructure, and economic development programs within the State Department and related national security accounts preserves critical channels for U.S. companies to participate in global markets. These programs strengthen alliances, support energy security, and help establish secure supply chains and critical minerals sourcing with trusted partners.

BCSE appreciates the Committee's bipartisan support for these foreign assistance programs and advocates for consistent if not expanded funding levels in FY2027. We also urge Congress to exercise its oversight authority to ensure that funding is allocated and obligated as per congressional directives and reject any effort to withhold or rescind funds.



BCSE FY27 Senate SFOPS Appropriations Letter

We look forward to working with you as Congress develops the fiscal year 2027 appropriations bill. For further information or to schedule a meeting to discuss BCSE's views, please contact Laura Tierney at ltierney@bcse.org.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations